

## ILOMAVIS, KIDAPAWAN CITY WAS THE VENUE OF THE LECTURE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY DENR-PENRO COTABATO XII-4

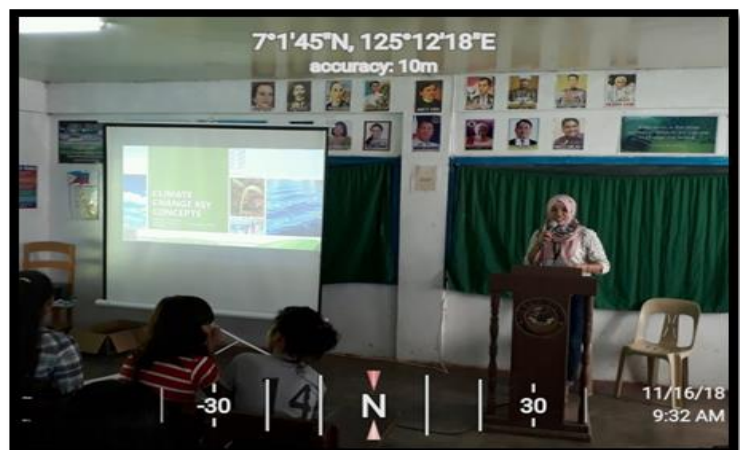


On November 16, 2018, the team of DENR XII- 4 PENRO Cotabato headed by DMO III James S. Cornelio, the Focal Person for the Climate Change Awareness, together with Forester Irene D. Manlani , MANP PASu Forester Gabriel M. Baute, and with his team from CENRO XII-4B Matalam conducted the Climate Change Awareness Activity at Mt. Apo National High School located at Ilomavis, Kidapawan City. For this year theme entitled “Sama-sama sa K5: Kilos sa Klima at Kalamidad Tungo sa Kaligtasan at Kaunlaran” aim to create awareness on global warming and climate change by pursuing broad and intensive public information and education to the people.

Forestry Technician Junalyn P. Cabanlig, a product of the Mt. Apo National High School gave a warm welcome for the participants, facilitators and resource speakers of the said activities and followed by DMO III James S. Cornelio of PENRO XII-4 Cotabato, who gave an overview and shared the relevance of Climate Change to the community, especially the danger it brings in the highland areas which are considered High Risk areas for Landslides. In addition, he firmly overstated the significance effect of climate change to the people if they won't give any involvement to mitigate the serious effect to individual. "We must educate the public on climate change, especially the youth. Understanding this environmental threat is important so that they can cope up and adapt to the changing climate and at the same time motivate them to help the government in addressing this global issue," he explained.



Likewise, Special Investigator Salmah L. Kusingan of CENRO Matalam whom discussed about the Climate Change Key Concepts and followed by a lecture of Mr. Joseph Fernandez about the Basic First Aid Training given its relevance in times of calamity. The City Risk Disaster Reduction Management, Office of LGU Kidapawan City represented by Mr. Psalmer S. Bernalte, also shared valuable information in due regard to the safety of the community situated in the High Risk Zone for landslides. Afterward, a short drill was performed by the students to familiarize



DUCK-COVER-HOLD in an earthquake scenario and one of the demo for the different technique.



Personnel from the Bureau of Fire Protection, Search and Rescue Teams were also involved in the drill together with some barangay officials and DENR representatives. These activities, learning by doing produced lasting and meaningful impact to the students. Students seemed to be prepared, alert and aware during the activities. All activities within the day was evaluated right after and it turned out to be very successful.